

## QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

October 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002

WRC-TV attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material which treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by WRC-TV station. WRC recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests.

The following is a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period October 1, 2000 – December 31, 2000, including the title of such program, its time, type, source, date and duration of broadcast.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE AND TEN A.M., FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND ELEVEN P.M.  
TYPE: News Series SOURCE: Local TIME: 5:00-7:00AM, 10:00-11:00AM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-7:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, Monday – Friday; 6:00-6:30PM, Saturday and Sunday. NEWS 4 TODAY. TYPE: News SOURCE: Local TIMES: Weekdays, 5:00-7:00AM, Saturdays, 6:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, Sundays, 6:00AM-8:00AM, and 9:00AM-10:30AM. DURATION: See Times. WRC-TV reporters probe special issues of concern to area residents. **Stories generally appear more than once in the daily newscasts, as they are recapped throughout the day.** WRC-TV initiated, in December 1992, active closed captioning of its news broadcasts. Currently, all regularly scheduled news programs thirty minutes or longer are closed captioned. Also, special news events sometimes are closed captioned, depending on the availability of the transcription service. The word for word transcription service includes chitchat between stories at two hundred plus words per minute, with less than a three-second delay. This effort addresses the needs of more than 300,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in the Washington area.

THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV studios) TIME: Saturdays, 7:30-8:00PM, Repeated Sundays, 11:30AM. DURATION: thirty Minutes. This public affairs panel anchored by John McLaughlin, features discussion and analysis of current national and world events by five candid and respected Washington commentators.

ONE ON ONE. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV) TIME: Sundays, 12:00 DURATION: Thirty Minutes. Host John McLaughlin interviews a prominent political or world leader each week on selected newsworthy issues.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 6:15-6:30AM. DURATION: Fifteen Minutes. This reporter roundtable, which premiered on October 4, 1992, features discussion of public affairs issues by leading area journalists. The program is part of News 4 Today and usually is hosted by WRC-TV

reporter Tom Sherwood. He is joined by journalist Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; and Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM.

VIEWPOINT. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 7:00-7:30AM. DURATION: Thirty Minutes. WRC-TV's Joe Krebs hosts this weekly exploration of issues and people impacting the community. The program is part of the two hour News 4 Today news block on Sundays from 6:00-8:00AM. It premiered on November 15, 1992

## **I. TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN and FAMILY**

Many children in the Washington effort suffer from being denied the opportunity to grow up in a stable home with parents who can care for them emotionally and financially. WRC-TV helps these children directly through its Wednesday's Child project, described below. The station also broadcasts other news stories on the issue of adoption, some of which are described below.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE PM. – WEDNESDAY'S CHILD. WRC-TV's Barbara Harrison, on selected Wednesdays, features a child or children who need a home, or celebrates a happy ending to an adoption story. In September, Barbara Harrison, with the Council of Governments, launched a program through which viewers may dial a phone number and find out more about adopting a child through any jurisdiction in our viewing area. Some of the stories are repeated on News 4 Sundays at nine AM. Some of the dates in which Wednesday's Child ran were:

October (10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30)

November (11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27)

December (12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25)

News 4 October 1- Arlington County is testing new system to help people safely cross the street

News 4 October 2 – AOL will be passing along Amber Alerts through the internet to subscribers thru desktop, pager, or cellphone

News 4 October 2 – President Bush announced the Federal Gov't will expand the Amber alert network

News 4 October 2 – International Walk to School Day; safe kids campaign notes fewer children are walking to school these days

News 4 October 2 – study results show that the number of poor people in the District is growing, and children make up the largest group

News 4 October 4 – one of the families touched by sniper's tragedy returned to the scene of shooting.

News 4 October 4 – Montgomery County schools operated under a code blue declaration today

News 4 October 7, 9 – Schools in Virginia reacted to the shooting in PG County by canceling all outdoor activities today

News 4 October 7 – Bowie parents rush to pick up their children after shooting at Benjamin Tasker Middle School

News 4 October 8 –inventor from Spain designed a detector that says will tell parents within 20 seconds if their baby is hungry, tired, bored, stressed, or uncomfortable

News 4 October 9 - report on family event "Taste of DC"

News 4 October 9 – District police say they are expecting normal crowds in the city this weekend for the Columbus Day holiday

News 4 October 10 – new Giant supermarket opened in the Brentwood shopping center today

News 4 October 11 – in Montgomery County, parents and volunteers have answered the call to help children get safely to and from school

News 4 October 14 – today a victims rights group and some local business leaders set up a fund to help the families who've lost loved ones in the sniper attacks

News 4 October 16 – Wednesday's Child segment

News 4 October 17 – University of Maryland's Terrapins take on Georgia Tech tonight

News 4 October 18 – most schools systems in the area have cancelled outdoor activities including homecoming games

News 4 October 18 - report on Social Security increase in benefits

News 4 October 18 – families in the Aspen Hill area decided to keep their children home from school following the latest sniper attack

News 4 October 23 – Wednesday's Child segment

News4 November 13- Workers began to set up the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree this morning. It will be decorated with 30,000 lights.

News4 November 15- CBS has developed a new reality series patterned after the old TV show, "The Beverly Hillbilies."

News4 November 18- Pete Lovering is the world's best rock, paper, scissors player. He won the world's first international championship.

News4 November 20- There is a big Holiday movie season coming up, including "Analyze That" and "Catch Me if you Can."

News 4 November 27 – report on preparations for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

News 4 November 27 – Wednesday's Child segment

News 4 November 28 – Santa Claus has officially come to town (Macy's parade)

News 4 November 28 – news report on House of Imogene, who reached out and provided thousands of Thanksgiving meals to families who otherwise wouldn't have had one

News 4 December 3 – some sick children got a treat today courtesy of Washington Redskins quarterback Danny Wuerffel and his wife

News 4 December 3 – report on Pageant of Peace

News4 December 6- A secret Santa is making the rounds in our area spreading holiday cheer and cash as well.

News 4 December 23 – youngest sniper victim meets Tracy McGrady—star of Orlando Magic

News 4 December 23 – allied forces in Afghanistan preparing to celebrate holidays

News 4 December 26 – couple celebrating unexpected arrival of fourth child

News 4 December 26 –celebrating Kwanzaa holiday

News 4 December 27 – fire in Montgomery county gutted a news-stand

News 4 December 27 – Darrel Green preparing to bid farewell after 20 years with the Redskins

News 4 December 27 – newest animal resident of national Zoo – Malaika, a giraffe

## **II. Violence & Crime**

News 4 Oct 1 – news report on Greyhound bus driver assault in California

News 4 Oct 1 – u-s park police killed by drunk driver at a club, family filed multi-million dollar lawsuit against club.

News 4 Oct 1 – an accounting supervisor for goodwill industries arrested for allegedly stealing money

News 4 Oct 1-- emergency evacuation chutes protecting from terrorism

News 4 Oct 1 -- a murdered DC police officer was laid to rest today

News 4 Oct 1 – the fundraising campaign delayed to give united way time to tighten business practice

News 4 Oct 2 – Enron's chief financial officer, Andrew Fastow, charged with a host of crimes

News 4 Oct 2 – jury deliberations in the case of a man accused of shooting and killing a church deacon

News 4 Oct 2 – police asking public's help in finding a man suspected of robbing a gun store

News 4 Oct 2 – plea in the "shoebomber" case, may still go to trial although he plead guilty

News 4 Oct 2,17 – Andrew Fastow, Enron's chief financial officer, surrendered to F.B.I. in Houston

News 4 Oct 2 – Martha Stewart has a key player willing to testify against her and the insider trading, former assistant to Stewart's stockbroker pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor

News 4 Oct 2 – missing nine-year-old Jennifer Short of Virginia remains possibly discovered

News 4 Oct 2 – update on disappearance of six-year-old Rilya Wilson of Florida

News 4 Oct 2, 3 – Mike Tyson multi-million dollar divorce settlement

News 4 Oct 3 – man arrested after firing a gun into the air outside the United Nations building

News 4 Oct 3,22 – Martha Stewart resigning for New York stock exchange; sale of imclone stock

News 4 Oct 3 – massive hunt for suspect behind deadly shootings in Montgomery County

### **SNIPER**

News 4 Oct 3, 4,17,22,25 Nov 1Dec 24 - second victim in deadly shooting spree, man mowing lawn in Rockville fourth victim from shooting spree, woman at shopping center in Silver Spring; cab driver shot at gas station; make shift memorial set up at site of shooting at shopping center;five people shot and killed within a 16 hour period; fifth fatal shooting at a Shell gas station; police released detailed description of truck connected with shootings; funeral arrangements made for latest victim; sniper threatening children; fourteenth shooting, ten deaths; sniper suspects arrested; FBI asking for publics help in locating possible witness in sniper investigation: audio tape of phone call to police: John Lee Malvo due back in court next week

News 4 Oct 4 – charges filed in connection of a pipe bomb explosion that injured a young man in a parking garage in DC

News 4 Oct 4 – six members of a suspected terrorist cell indicted

News 4 Oct 4 – DNA tests confirm remains found is missing 9 year old Jennifer Short

News 4 Oct 4 – follow up of state trooper accused of mistreating a suspect

News 4 Oct 17 – Guilty verdict for Ira Einhorn of first degree murder

News 4 Oct 18 – bombing in the Philippines

News 4 Oct 21 – police looking for two men who broke into a gun shop in Beltsville, MD

News 4 Oct 23 – Manhattan socialite ran over crowd of people

News 4 Oct 23,25,30 – hundreds held hostage inside a Russian movie theatre: rounds of talks underway to avoid a massacre: authorities finally disclosed nature of the gas that was used

News 4 October 25 – FBI issued a new terror threat from information gained from al Qaeda prisoners

News 4 October 28- A student opened fire at the University of Arizona today. He killed three before killing himself.

News4 October 28- Police are investigating what appears to be the suspicious death of two people in Loudoun County, Virginia.

News 4 October 28- Authorities in Jordan are investigating the murder of a US Diplomat, who has ties to our area.

News 4 October 28- The Russian government is the target of criticism for its handling of the hostage crisis at a theater in Moscow.

News 4 October 28- In Virginia prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for both sniper suspects.

News 4 October 29 – investigation into a terrible fire in vietnam

News 4 October 30 – body of murdered American diplomat will arrive at Andrews air force base

News 4 November 2 – cab driver ran over two woman killing one in the district

News 4 November 4- Two suspects in the murder of a DC police officer appeared in court in a Prince George's county today for a bond review hearing.

News 4 November 4- There was another deadly bombing in Israel today. At least one bystander was killed and more than a dozen people were injured.

News 4 November 4- Today the State Department issued a warning to Americans abroad to remind them of potential attacks.

News4 November 4, 6- Actress Wynona Ryder is charged with grand theft, burglary, and vandalism.

News 4 November 4- The death toll in the theater raid in Russia has risen to 220. One hundred forty-nine former hostages are still in the hospital.

News 4 November 4- Local radio station WAMU has apologized for re-broadcasting an edition of a show, which had a breaking news report of the sniper shootings.

News 4 November 5 – authorities in France arrested 8 people in connection with the terrorist bombing of a synagogue in Tunisia

News 4 November 6 – OJ Simpson accused of driving a powerboat at high speeds thru a manatee zone

News 4 November 7 – police investigating an apparent murder in Prince George's county

News 4 November 7 – 5 murders at army base in North Carolina in June and July



News 4 November 7 – Bernard Webster got out of jail, spent 20 years in prison for a crime he did not commit

News 4 November 11 – next front in the war on terrorism may be Iraq

News 4 November 11 – outbreak of deadly violence overnight in middle east, 5 killed

News 4 November 11 – VA governor Mark Warner currently considering a clemency request for Mir Amal Kasi, who killed two CIA workers

News 4 November 12 – 20 year old stabbed to death near University of Maryland, arrest has been made

News 4 November 12 – threat against the US and allies from Osama Bin Laden

News 4 November 12 – Saddam Hussein has 3 days to decide whether to accept new UN weapons inspections

News4 November 13-The first of two suspects charged in the stabbing death of a University of Maryland student over the weekend was denied bond today.

News4 November 13-Congress is pushing ahead with the President's proposal for a Department of Homeland Security.

News4 November 13-Sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad will have a defense team provided by County taxpayers.

News4 November 13-A man who police say claimed to have explosives in downtown Washington this morning is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation.

News4 November 13-Sniper suspect John Muhammad was in court in Prince William County today. A brief procedural hearing was held.

News4 November 13-There is new information tonight about the government's ability or inability to keep terrorists out the country.

News4 November 14-A woman from Stafford County was sentenced to jail today for a fraud connected to the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks

News4 November 14-President Bush is trying to learn on another front whether Osama Bin Laden is still alive.

News 4 November 21- Police in the District are asking people to come forward with information about a deadly shooting in Northwest yesterday.



News 4 November 21- Police in Baltimore say they have made the biggest drug bust in recent memory. Investigators raided a laboratory that contained more than 100 million dollars worth of PCP.

News 4 November 21- US officials have confirmed that they have a senior member of the Al-Qaeda terror network in custody.

News 4 November 21- Israelis live with the constant threat of terrorism. Today's bombing killed 11 children and injured at least 48 other people.

News 4 November 21- In the Persian Gulf authorities are trying to figure out why a policeman shot two US soldiers in Kuwait.

News 4 November 21- Investigators in Northern Virginia believe about a dozen fires in the last few years may be the work of a serial arsonist.

News 4 November 25- A man is wanted for exposing himself to girls at least six times in Manassas Virginia.

News 4 November 26- Today police went public with the results of a year-long undercover investigation.

News 4 November 26- Ninety- year old Marethea Brown was struck and killed by a cab driver last month in the District. Now Brown's family is commenting on the case.

News4 November 26-There are new tensions in Iraq tonight. UN inspectors are set to begin their work tomorrow.

News 4 November 26- DC police have made an arrest in a double murder in Northeast that happened last Wednesday.

News 4 November 26- Authorities in upstate New York are investigating a terrible fire that killed four children.

News 4 November 26- President Bush signed a bill today that is designed to protect the insurance industry in the event of future terror attacks.

News4 November 26-There is new information about the government's ability or inability to keep terrorists out of the country.

News4 November 26-There are new tensions in Iraq tonight. UN weapons inspectors are set to begin.

News 4 November 28 – 14 year old girl shot to death while raising money

News 4 November 29 – audiotape of Osama bin Laden

News 4 December 3 – controversy over conduct of fraternities appearing in blackface

News 4 December 4 – father convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death of his 21 month old daughter gets as year in jail

News 4 December 6 – Actress Wynona Ryder sentenced for her shoplifting for three years of supervised probation

News 4 December 9 – Edward Chen plead guilty to the crime of killing his mother, father and brother

News 4 December 23 – 18 year old accused of killing friends son

News 4 December 23 – firefighters say illegal drug activity was to blame for explosion of townhouse

News 4 December 23 – FBI seized expensive items from former officials of the Washington Teachers Union

News 4 December 24 – police searching for driver involved in a fatal hit and run accident

News 4 December 24 – Washington Archbishop Cardinal Theodore Mccarrick celebrating a children's mass in Silver Spring

News 4 December 24 – People gathering in Bethlehem for midnight mass

News 4 December 24 – 12-thousand American troops spending holidays in Kuwait

News 4 December 24 – final phase of “the miracle on Christmas street”

News 4 December 24 –Volunteers with the U.S. marines corps helped needy families in the district

News 4 December 24 – man accused of killing a couple in Ocean city had trial moved

News 4 December 26 – delta airlines co-pilot relieved of duties because he apparently had too much to drink

News 4 December 27 – police asking public for help in finding a man who has been exposing himself to women

News 4 December 27 – man charged in deadly hit and run on from Christmas Eve

News4 December 31-Police in Arlington have made an arrest in a series of thefts we first Reported on News4.

### **III. Consumer**

News 4 October 1 – Dow Jones began final quarter of the year soaring more than four and a half percent

News 4 October 1 – local chapter of United Way taking steps to repair tarnished image

News 4 October 9 – Ford Motor company recalling more than 400 thousand Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable cars

News 4 October 9 – west coast dockworkers heading back to work under court order

News 4 October 9 – The Supreme Court heard arguments on landmark copyright case

News 4 October 10 – The federal communications commission voted to adopt digital radio technology

News 4 October 10 – CPSC recalling two baby walkers, both have design flaw

News 4 October 14 – US Airways and United have not been allowed to merge

News 4 October 14 – largest meat recall in US history, Pilgrim's Pride

News 4 October 18 – social security recipients will be getting smallest cost of living increase in four years

News 4 October 18 – sniper attacks rattled nerves of tourists in town

News 4 October 24 – United Airlines plans to cut its service by 12 percent to save money

News 4 October 25 – the party animals went on auction block...raised more than 350-thousand dollars

News 4 October 29 – district announced it has selected the Marriott Corporation to build hotel downtown

News 4 October 31 – Federal Government filed a 78-count indictment against Enron's former chief financial officer, Andrew Fastow.

News 4 November 8 – McDonalds will close about 175 restaurants

News 4 November 8 – Gas is 20 cents higher than it was one year ago

Reporter's Notebook Sunday, November 24, 2002. Panelists: News 4 Anchor Pat Muse,

Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel, Dave McConnell WTOP-AM, Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM. Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening laid out a plan to balance the state budget that would cut more than \$172 million from programs and services, drain nearly \$200 million from the state's reserve fund and cancel bonuses for highly paid state workers

News 4 November 26-There is concern as to how the recent drought will impact the Christmas tree crop.

News4 November 26- There is a reminder this holiday season that some toys may contain hidden dangers.

News 4 November 26- The teddy bear is marking its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Christies Auction House is observing it with two big sales.

News 4 December 4 – So What's on Your Mind? Comments from citizens off the street

News 4 December 6 – Wintry blast being blamed for about 2 dozen deaths on east coast

News 4 December 23 – Kohl's department stores recalling some children's clothes

News 4 December 23 – crews continuing to repair a broken water main on canal road

News 4 December 24 – I.R.S. able to provide better service to taxpayers

News 4 December 24 – People at the post office trying to send gifts

News 4 December 24 – Phone outage in NE DC... about 1 thousand customers without service

News 4 December 26 – more people have been flocking to the movies

News 4 December 27 – automakers shifting their stance when it comes to airbag warning labels

News 4 December 27 – Maryland state police testing out "smart cars" –cruisers

#### **IV. Environment**

News 4 October 4 – Hurricane Lili has come and gone, but the storm left mess in Louisiana

News 4 October 15 – Chesapeake Bay still in bad shape and getting worse

News 4 October 17 – Plans continuing for construction of National Harbor resort in Oxon Hill

News 4 October 21 – Firefighters in Texas trying to handle massive blaze in south – east Houston.

News 4 October 30, 31 – report on Italy’s Mt Etna volcano eruption causing a deadly 5.4 earthquake

News 4 October 31 – report on deer mating season

News 4 November 1 – earthquake aftershocks in South Central Italy continue to rock the region; rescue workers search for victims

News 4 November 4- Last week’s earthquake in Italy has forced thousands of people out of their homes

News 4 November 8 – watermain break closed down a government building in Baltimore today, and one in Chicago closed down Lakeshore Drive this morning

News 4 November 11, 12 – report on deadly tornados ripping thru several states – more than 70 tornados touched down on 6 states

News 4 November 11- heavy rains and thunderstorms caused some damage in our area

News 4 December 2 – two manhole blasts left 2000 people without power today

News4 December 5- Today’s snowstorm created perfect conditions for people of all ages who wanted to sled.

News 4 December 5 – snow and ice storm that came thru our area has moved on to NY

News 4 December 6- news report on how cold weather has been causing water main breaks

News 4 December 9 – NE Washington residents have filed lawsuit against a gas station for an underground leak that has contaminated 1300 ft of the area

News 4 December 24 – Snowflakes turning up in the Washington area

News 4 December 27 – wet weather this fall has helped ease the drought in our area

## **V. Education**

News 4 Oct 1 – The launch of the space shuttle Atlantis is being delayed

News 4 Oct 2 – Hurricane Lili forced NASA to postpone launch of space shuttle Atlantis

News 4 Oct 3,18,22 – Schools in Montgomery county on alert from sniper; school athletes have been frustrated due to security restrictions; Montgomery county schools on “code blue” status

#### Viewpoint

Sunday, October 6, 2002 Host: News 4 Anchor, Joe Krebs. Guests: K. Brisbane, Esq., Director, University of the District of Columbia State Education Agency, Adult Education; Sonia Gutierrez, Executive Director, Carlos Rosario International Career Center and Public Charter School; and, Ken White, Executive Director, The Washington Project discuss Literacy

News 4 Oct 9 – 85 year old John Fenn a professor from Virginia Commonwealth University awarded Nobel Prize in chemistry

News 4 Oct 14 – two members of the space shuttle Atlantis wrapped up their last walk in space

News 4 Oct 15 – former mayor of Baltimore Kurt Schmoke will be next dean of Howard University School of Law

News 4 Oct 18 – schools across metro area continue to operate under lockdown from sniper

News 4 Oct 21 – artifact discovered in Israel called “the first appearance of Jesus in the archaeological record”

News 4 Oct 23 – federal government providing some financial assistance for schools in MD, DC, and VA

News 4 October 29 – schools in Prince George’s county held first football game in three weeks due to sniper attacks

News 4 October 30 – Scientist in England celebrating discovery of four woolly rhinos

#### Viewpoint

Sunday, November 3, 2002. Host: News 4 Anchor Joe Krebs. Guest: H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University discuss Howard, Charles Rangel International Affairs Program, Student Achievements, faculty achievements and new appointees

News 4 November 6- inspectors have found some major violations in some DC Public schools. Fourteen out of 52 schools failed the inspection.

News 4 December 9 – Howard University student awarded prestigious Rhodes Scholarship

## **VI. Politics**

News 4 October 1,2 – democrats in New Jersey chose a replacement for senator Robert Torricelli; democrats' hope of replacing him on November ballot

News 4 October 1 – National Organization for Women throwing its money and support for democrat Chris Van Hollen

News 4 October 1,7,10 – senate debate on war with Iraq expected to begin tomorrow; made case for attack on Iraq before a national audience; pushing to get approval

News 4 October 1 – President Bush trying to end congressional deadlock concerning terrorism insurance

News 4 October 1 – DC council moved closer to closing 300 million dollar deficit in city's budget year

News 4 October 2,18 – President Bush attends fundraiser to support republican congressman Robert Ehrlich; trying to get a head start on solving Maryland's budget problems

News 4 October 9 – spy agency concluded Saddam Hussein is unlikely to use weapons of mass destruction on US

News 4 October 10 – new concerns over deadly attack on US marines in Kuwait may have been carried out by al-Qaeda

News 4 October 11 – former president Jimmy Carter won Nobel Peace Prize

News 4 October 14 – military officials say shots fired at US forces in Kuwait

News 4 October 14 – Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon urge Palestinians to change their leadership

News 4 October 14 – US wants to be apart of Bali bombing investigation

News 4 October 15 – The Supreme Court refused to get involved in dispute over flying confederate flag at a Civil War Cemetery in MD

News 4 October 16,18 – Governor Mark Warner warning VA residents of effects of commonwealth's budgeted shortfall; tried to bolster support for the sales tax referendum for northern Virginia

News 4 October 16 – US trying to win support from UN to deal with Iraq



News 4 October 16 – Saddam Hussein re-elected to a new term as president

News 4 October 18 – gun control due to sniper

News 4 October 21 – UN secretary general Kofi Annan touring central Asia

News 4 October 21 – North Korea willing to ease concerns over nuclear weapons program

News 4 October 21 – President Bush condemning latest suicide attack in middle east

News 4 October 22 – insider trading investigation involving Martha Stewart

News 4 October 25 – new developments in the UN debate on a resolution on Iraq

News 4 October 28- There is a new poll out tonight about the proposed sales tax hike in Northern Virginia.

News4 October 28- Candidates in Maryland's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District are trying to re-focus voters on the crucial race.

News4 October 28- Paul Wellstone's death leaves Democrats with some concerns. The party is locked in a struggle for Senate control.

News 4 October 30 – latest poll information for governor's race in Maryland; republican congresswoman, Connie Morella locked in tight race with democrat Chris Van Hollen

News 4 October 31 – Jack Welch former chairman of GE embroiled in bitter divorce

News 4 November 1 – anti-trust settlement between federal government and giant Microsoft being upheld by federal judge

News 4 November 1 – proposed sales tax referendum for transportation biggest election day issue in northern virginia

#### Reporter's Notebook

Sunday, November 3, 2002. Panelists: News 4 Anchor, Pat Muse, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel, Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM, Adrienne Washington, Washington Times. Mayor Anthony Williams and Republican Carol Schwartz face off on Tuesday for the Mayors race. Double voting in the District and Maryland is persistent problem, records indicate that two dozen voters cast ballots in both the District and Maryland in primaries. News 4 November 4- The Justice Department is dispatching hundreds if election observers to polls across the nation to ensure that voting laws are being followed.

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News4 November 4- Voters go to the polls in less than 24 hours and the race for control of the senate is still to close to call.

News 4 November 4- Jay Lee, the Mayor of Virgin, Utah, has a new policy. He wants to charge anybody who wants to speak during public sessions to pay 25 dollars.

News 4 November 4- There are two ballot questions involving hundreds of millions of dollars that have been overshadowed by the sales tax measure in Virginia.

#### Reporter's Notebook

Sunday, November 10, 2002 Panelists: News 4 Anchor, Pat Muse, Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM, Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM, Jerry Phillips Clear Channel Radio. Republican Robert Ehrlich turned to the task of governing Maryland by assembling his core staff. Defeated Constance Morella spent the day writing thank you notes to each campaign contributor, she received an unprecedented \$2.7million for her campaign

#### Viewpoint

Sunday, November 10, 2002. Host: News 4 Anchor, Joe Krebs. Guest: Eleanor Holmes Norton (d) DC; Wade Henderson, executive Director, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; and Ilir Zherka, Executive Director, DC Vote discuss DC Voting rights

News4 November 13- Both chambers of congress are choosing new party leaders this week.

News4 November 13- There is also news tonight concerning the next Democratic National Convention. The Democratic Party has selected Boston as the site of the 2004 Convention.

News4 November 13- Prince Georges County Executive Wayne Curry delivered his final State of the County address today.

News4 November 14- Democrats in the House elected their new leader today. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi is now the highest ranking woman in the history of congress.

News4 November 14- Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan and Prince Georges County Executive had lunch today to discuss future plans for Maryland.

News4 November 14- Democrats named Congressman Steny Hoyer to a new position today. He will take over as the House Democratic Whip.

News4 November 15- A Victoria's Secret Lingerie fashion show in New York was disrupted last night by animal rights activists.

News4 November 15- Mir Amal Kasi was executed yesterday for the murder of two CIA employees in 1983. His family held a vigil in his hometown of Quetta.

News4 November 15- Maryland has a potential budget deficit of about 600 million dollars.

News4 November 18- Today, Washington area business leaders celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a group that helped spark the rebirth of Downtown Washington.

Viewpoint, Sunday, November 24, 2002 Host: News 4 Anchor Joe Krebs. Guest: Chris Van Hollen, Congressman-Elect 8<sup>th</sup> District (MD) discuss views on domestic, national and international issues, campaign reform, civil rights

News 4 November 25- President Bush signed the bill creating the cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security.

News 4 November 25- President Bush honored three government agencies today for saving taxpayer's money.

News 4 November 25- A hand-written ledger from the US Senate has been found in the basement of the Capitol building. It dates back to the days when George Washington was President.

News 4 November 25- News 4 November 25- Budget cuts have hit the Department of Motor Vehicles in the District and Virginia.

News 4 November 26- There is more election confusion to report from Florida. Governor Jeb Bush sent a congratulatory letter to the wrong person for winning Governor.

News 4 November 29 – US is preparing for the possibility of another war with Iraq

News 4 December 3 – Governor Warner closed on dozen motor vehicle offices to save money

News 4 December 3 – Saudi Arabia tackling charges that government is too soft on terrorists

News 4 December 6 – hundreds of people who work at America Online in Northern VA likely to lose their jobs

News 4 December 6 – President Bush shaking up his economic team

News 4 December 9 – White House economic advisor Larry Lindsey lost his job

News 4 December 23 – Pentagon confirms Iraqi forces shot down an unmanned U.S. Military plane

News 4 December 23 – Tennessee senator Bill Frist was elected replacing Sen. Trent Lott who had to resign amid controversy

## **VII. Transportation**

News 4 October 11 – Eleven checkpoints set up on I-395 and 95 backing up traffic

News 4 October 16 – new information about the crash of American Airlines flight 587

News 4 October 17 – new traffic study finds that congestion has increased over last three years in the district

News 4 October 17 – search for crewmembers on two navy fighter jets that crashed into the Pacific Ocean

News 4 October 17 – American Automobile Association reversing its position on red light cameras

News 4 October 22 – After a shooting, traffic in area came to a standstill; some drivers were stuck in their cars for hours.

### **Reporter's Notebook**

Sunday, October 20, 2002. Panelists: News 4 Anchor Pat Muse, Adrienne Washington, Washington Times, Dave McConnell, WTOP Radio and Jerry Phillips Clear Channel Radio. Discuss Transportation and AAA saying no to traffic cameras. Gridlock is worsening in N. Virginia 1-66, Route 29, Beltway in light of the November referendum initiative on the ballot

News4 October 26- Federal Investigators have arrived in Northern Minnesota to help determine the cause of the plane crash that killed Senator Paul Wellstone.

News4 October 28- Metro will be testing new technology to make its bus service more convenient, which include new fare card machines

News4 October 30 – local leaders joined the campaign to make streets safer in our area

News4 November 1- In order to save money the State of Virginia is reducing the number of hours the Department of Motor Vehicles customer service centers are open.

News4 November 7- The next time you get on a plane there is a good chance an Air Marshall will also be on board.

News4 November 15- Airports across the country have until next week to complete a major security upgrade.

News4 November 18- United Airlines is making another attempt to stay out of bankruptcy court.

News4 Nov 20-Delta is launching a new low-fare airline.

News 4 November 21- Frank Keating, Governor of Oklahoma just got his briefcase back after he lost it on a United Airline flight 13 years ago.

News 4 November 21- Metro officials adopted a ten-year plan for improving bus and rail service in the region.

News 4 November 25- There is a nationwide seatbelt enforcement effort underway.

News4 November 25- The DC Police Department is about to deploy a brand new, high-tech system to catch speeders.

News4 November 27- The Federal Agency in charge of staffing security checkpoints at the nation's airports has apparently passed its first big test.

News4 December 3- New life is being given to a proposed road project that's created a lot of controversy in Maryland.

News4 December 3- Metro says its efforts to crack down on crime at its parking lots are paying off.

News4 December 5- Airports in our area were affected by today's wintry weather. A lot of flights were delayed.

News4 December 9- United Airlines today filed for the largest bankruptcy in aviation history.

News4 December 11- The ice storm created a tough situation for metro-rail riders who use the Dupont Circle station.

News4 Dec 11-A watermain break yesterday in the area of Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road in Montgomery County, Maryland.

News4 Dec 11-This morning's icy weather caused the kind of accident that can give you shudders just to think about.

News4 December 12- Today the problem of broken escalators at metro-rail stations came up today during a hearing of the metro budget committee.

News4 December 12- A Charles County woman is being called a hero tonight after rescuing a 2-year old child from a burning car.

News4 Dec 16-A change in security procedures went into effect at Dulles Airport today.

News4 Dec 17- I-95 South in Virginia was closed for about three hours today in Lorton because of an accident.

News4 Dec 19-A plan to extend metro service beyond Dulles Airports got a big boost today.

News 4 Dec 19- Federal officials say people planning to fly this holiday season can avoid delays by packing their bags better.

News4 Dec 20- The Ford Motor Company has agreed to pay out more than 50 million dollars to settle complaints about ads for its sport utility vehicles.

News4 December 20- Some Maryland state officials are trying to get speed cameras legalized.

News4 Dec 23-Today the transportation security administration showed off one technique being used for screening.

News 4 December 24 – Repairs continued on Canal road in NW Washington

News 4 December 24 – As snow falls, road crews are busy

News4 December 26- A Delta Airlines co-pilot was removed from his plane this morning because of concerns that he had been drinking.

News4 December 27- The American Automobile Association has come out with its annual list that offers praise and criticism on transportation issues that affect our area.

News4 December 27- Traffic on Canal Road in DC will be restricted this weekend in order to fix a watermain break.

News4 Dec 30- More security changes are in store at airports starting January 1<sup>st</sup>.

News4 December 30- Beginning Wednesday all commercial airports in the US will have to screen all checked luggage for explosives.

News4 December 30- The Comfort is a ship designed to provide medical support to troops overseas. Today military personnel began arriving at the ship to get it supplied and ready to sail.

## **VIII. Health**

News 4 October 1,2 – congress taking action with spread of West Nile virus; infant from Michigan got west Nile virus from breast milk

News 4 October 1 – breast self-exam no substitute for mammography

News 4 October 1 – sleep disorders not strictly an adult problem, children suffer also

News 4 October 1 – crews set up mosquito traps in Poolesville, MD

News 4 October 1,4 – destroying anthrax inside Brentwood postal facility in DC; another anthrax cleanup test

News 4 October 4 – students from three schools hospitalized from bacterial meningitis

News 4 October 9 – scientists discovered gene that could be an early warning sign of prostate cancer

#### Viewpoint

Sunday, October 13, 2002 Host: News4 Anchor Joe Krebs; Guests: Dr. Ruby E. Brown, PHD, Psychology, Project Director, The community Resilience Project of Northern Virginia; Lynda A. Tenhundfeld, M.D., Assistant Professor and Director of Residency Training, Department of Psychiatry and Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; and , Adelaide Robb, M.D., Children's National Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry discuss coping with Anxiety and Stress

News 4 October 14 – lung cancer one of deadliest cancers in the country

News 4 October 14 – New York mayor Michael Bloomberg boycotted Columbus day parade

News 4 October 17 – 13-year old shot by sniper improving

News 4 October 18 – government scientists created device that might protect people from lead poisoning.

#### Viewpoint

Sunday, October 27, 2002 Host: News 4 Anchor Pat Lawson-Muse. Guests: Dr. Meeta Sharma, Director, Diabetes Team, Washington Hospital Center; Claudia Morrison, Registered Dietitian and Diabetes Educator, Washington Hospital Center; and Cherrel Christian, RN, Diabetes Educator and Program Coordinator, Washington Hospital Center discuss Diabetes for Life: The Heart of the Matter an upcoming seminar sponsored by the hospital as well as other issues related to diabetes



News4 October 30- New technology is helping doctors take ultrasounds to a new level with the 4D ultrasound.

News 4 October 30 – research of baby’s memory...how it develops

News 4 November 1 – Summer in Australia now...hit by the worst drought in century

News4 November 4- Research shows that the combination of estrogen and progestin causes an increase in breast cancer and heart disease.

News 4 November 5 – group of British citizens launching a legal battle against airline industry

News4 November 8- People who hover over computer keyboards all day may be feeling more physical and mental strain than others.

News4 November 8- A 63-year old Maryland man headed home from the hospital with an implanted experimental heart pump. The pump was installed 3 months ago.

News4 November 13- Our government is preparing millions of smallpox vaccines, in case it is used as a terrorist weapon.

News4 November 14- The editors of the “British Medical Journal” have decided to launch a weekly soap opera in the journal.

News4 November 14-Federal Health officials say more senior citizens need to get their flu shots this season.

News4 November 18- There is new evidence of possible dangers from hormone replacement therapy.

News4 November 18- There is new information about herbal treatment for menopause.

News4 November 18-A new study into the link between coffee and high blood pressure finds that caffeine may not be to blame.

News4 November 18-Researchers put the popular Atkins diet to the test and got results that some people may find surprising.

News4 November 19- A hospital financing corporation that supplies money to Greater Southeast Hospital has filed for bankruptcy.

News4 November19-Greater Southeast Community Hospital is promising it will stay open despite the bankruptcy of a corporation that provides some its funding.

News4 Nov 20-Hospitals around Montgomery County are trying to expand as they deal with packed emergency rooms and outdated buildings.

News4-Nov 20-Doctors in Boston say an experimental vaccine against cervical cancer is showing a lot of promise.

News4-Nov 21-Officials with the Greater Southeast Community Hospital in the District met with DC City Council today to talk about their money problems.

News4-Nov 27-Bags of hazardous medical waste that had been piling up outside D.C. general hospital are now gone.

News 4 November 27 – investigation of mysterious outbreak of illnesses on cruise ships

News 4 November 29 – potential risks of hormone therapy

News4 Dec 3- Dozens of people showed up tonight to hear about the financial troubles of greater southeast hospital.

News 4 December 4 – study suggests an additional benefit to mammograms

News4-Dec 10-On a new treatment to help people addicted to heroin and prescription painkillers. It's a drug that could really improve addiction treatment for thousands of people.

News4 Dec 11- The US Postal Service has announced a significant step will be taken this weekend to decontaminate the Brentwood Postal facility.

News4-Dec 11-The US Postal Service says it has received the proper permits to allow it to proceed with the fumigation of the facility.

News4- Dec 11-A new study suggests that two shots may be better than one for preventing chicken pox in children.

News4-Dec 12- A new technology used in cancer surgery. It is a high power radiation beam that kills cancerous tumors with no invasive surgery.

News4-Dec12- A new survey finds that most Americans would like to have the option of getting the smallpox vaccine.

News4 Dec 12-Tomorrow, President Bush will announce plans for a nationwide inoculation program to begin next month.

News4-Dec 13-President Bush unveiled his plan for protecting Americans from smallpox today. He will be among the first to be vaccinated.

News4-Dec 13- Members of the US military serving in high-risk areas will get vaccinated for smallpox as part of the presidents plan to protect against the disease.

News4-Dec16-A woman from Canada had surgery on her stomach. No one knew what she had a terrible stomach ache since the operation.

News4 Dec 16-The government has approved a new vaccine that reduces the number of shots babies have to get.

News4 Dec 17- A new type of flu vaccine that does not require a shot got a boost today. The vaccine is called FluMist.

News4-Dec 24-Researchers say men who eat fish can reduce the risk of stroke by almost 50 percent.

News 4 October 27 – skepticism of company’s claim that it’s cloned a baby girl

News 4 December 23 – recalled story of Miami Dade police officer Carlos Torres who was struck by lightning

News 4 December 23 – children latest victims of viral infections on cruise ships

News 4 December 26 – many American may suffer from arthritis and don’t know it

News4- Dec 27 January 3-A company linked to a religious sect is claiming to have created the first human clone. The world is stunned

News 4-Dec 27-There is yet another episode of illness on board on a cruise ship.

News 4-Dec 27- A group based in the Bahamas claims to have created the first human clone.

News4 Dec 31-New Year’s Eve is a time when lots of people drink alcohol. Health official say many people will binge drink

News4 Dec 31- Scientists say Americans are fatter and getting drunk more often than ever before.

News4 December 31- Obesity and diabetes are on the rise in adults in this country according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.